

### **Amendment to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims

- 1-20. (Cancelled)
21. (Currently Amended) An isolated protein comprising a polypeptide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) amino acids -23 to 183 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
  - (b) amino acids 1 to 183 of SEQ ID NO:2.
22. (Previously Presented) The isolated protein of claim 21, wherein said polypeptide sequence is (a).
23. (Previously Presented) The isolated protein of claim 21, wherein said polypeptide sequence is (b).
24. (Previously Presented) The isolated protein of claim 21 which further comprises a polypeptide sequence heterologous to SEQ ID NO:2.
25. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 21 wherein said isolated polypeptide is glycosylated.
26. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 21 wherein said isolated polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
27. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
  - (a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide of claim 21; and
  - (b) recovering said polypeptide.
28. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of claim 21 and a carrier.
29. (Currently Amended) An isolated protein comprising a polypeptide sequence ~~selected from the group consisting of:~~

(a) having the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97173; and  
(b) ~~the amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97173.~~

30. (Cancelled)
31. (Cancelled)
32. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29, wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.
33. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29 wherein said isolated polypeptide is glycosylated.
34. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29 wherein said isolated polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
35. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
  - (a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide of claim 29; and
  - (b) recovering said polypeptide.
36. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the protein of claim 29 and a carrier.